



Arlington LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission Agenda

Date: Thursday, October 21, 2021

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

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When: Oct 21, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Agenda

1. Remote participation statement and guidelines (5 min) – Lisa
2. Welcome and introductions (include your pronouns if you want to) (5 min) - Lisa
3. Assign minute-taker (2 min) - Lisa
4. Consent Agenda (5 min) – Lisa
5. Meet: Margaret Credle Thomas, new APS DEI Director

6. Liaison Updates (25 min) – Lisa
 - a. Council on Aging
 - b. Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI)
 - c. Library
 - d. Police Department
 - e. Select Board
7. Working Group Updates and Membership (20 min) - Lisa
 - a. Community Engagement Events – October Events: Heights Window Painting, National Coming Out Day, Farmers Market. November: TDOR with Lex Pride?_ Alpo Jana Golpogulo: the lesser known stories. A rare documentary (first of its kind on trans life in rural Bengal) – Mona Mandal/Diversity Task Group
 - b. Communications
 - c. Public Education – APS librarian resources for LGBTQIA+. History Month
 - d. Town Systems & Policies -HRC Connecting Communities: National LGBTQ Municipal Liaison Summit, 10/19-21. Update from participants? HRC/MEI follow up items with Town?
8. Commission Membership/Recruitment/Infrastructure (10) – Lisa
 - a. Recruitment for 2 new Commissioners – general and school committee
 - b. Current Commissioners: Online ethics training and signatures
9. Public Engagement and Open Commentary (10 min) - Lisa
10. Close and Next Meeting: COA's SAGE Table is scheduled for our regular meeting time of Thursday November 18, 2021; do we want to reschedule?– Lisa
Next meeting: TBD, November 2021, 6:30 pm, Remote Participation

Anyone needing accessibility information or other assistance in order to attend this meeting should contact Jillian Harvey, jharvey@town.arlington.ma.us. This meeting is open to all interested individuals.

Consent Agenda

1. September meeting minutes

2. Correspondence received

- 9/24 – Julia Starkey, new adult librarian at Robbins, liaison to Rainbow Commission, responding to welcome to Commission.
- 9/26 – Email from Val Overton, Lex Pride, thanking RC for co sponsoring LGBTQ+ Seniors Series and asking RC to promote for next event: **Coming Out Comedy** An Intergenerational Event with ImprovBoston. Friday, October 8, 2021 4:00-5:30pm Lexington Community Center (dining room)
- 9/27 –28 Emails from from Mary DeCoursey, Director of Community Benefits at Mount Auburn Hospital and Madison MacLean, JSI. LHMC,MAH and all 10 BILH hospitals are conducting their triennial Community Health Needs Assessment and would like Rainbow Commission to co host a virtual focus group to better understand LGBTQ+ community's health and wellness needs. Focus group will be conducted by consultant from John Snow Inc. between October-November 2021. They are looking for 10-15 people from the LGBTQ+ community and will provide \$50 gift cards to those who participate in focus group. Suggesting Weds. October 27th for virtual focus group 6pm-7pm. Interested parties can email Madi-son_Maclean@jsi.com. To register by Friday October 22.
- 10/2 – Note from Molly Blaauw Gillis that she and Em Phillips and Elizabeth Kostojohn decorated “our” window at Kumon Learning as part of the Arlington Heights Community Association’s Halloween window decorations. Photo attached.
- 10/4 – Email from Eric Helmuth, Selectboard member, confirming participation in National Coming Out Day Rainbow Commission meeting on October 11th at 7pm.
- 10/11 – Email from Len Diggins, Selectboard, also confirming for NCOD event at 7.
- 10/13 - Email from Mona Mandal, Diversity Task Group member who attended NCOD event and thanks participants for the forum. She also mentioned involvement with film about transgender community in West Bengal India [Alpo Jana Gol-pogulo: the lesser known stories](#).
- 10/14 Email from MBG that APS K-8 librarians, Liz Phipps-Soeiro and Jennifer Lau-chlan, [have created a resource](#) meant for the K-8 APS community which contains recommendations for resources and books that can support teaching, learning, and sharing in LGBTQIA+ History Month.